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## REVISED REGULATIONS

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THE UNIFORM OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYÉS OF THE  
MARINE HOSPITAL SERVICE.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,*Washington, D. C., December 15, 1890.*

In accordance with paragraphs 26 and 27, Regulations United States Marine-Hospital Service, 1889, the following-described uniforms will hereafter be worn by officers and employés of the Service on and after March 1, 1891, the same having been recommended by a board appointed to consider and recommend changes in the uniform of the Service, which report and recommendation is approved.

Such parts of Circulars No. 74, 1884, and No. 142, 1887, as conflict with this circular are hereby repealed.

A. B. NETTLETON,

*Acting Secretary.*



# REVISED REGULATIONS.

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## DRESS SUIT.

**Coat.**—For all officers, a frock coat of dark-blue cloth faced with the same and lined with black silk serge or farmer's satin, double-breasted, made to button to the neck, and fasten here, with hook and eye; two rows of large service buttons on the breast, nine in each row; the rows placed four and a half to five and a half inches apart from eye to eye at top, and two and a half inches at bottom; rolling collar; skirts to be full, beginning at the hip-bone and descending four-fifths of the distance to the knee, with two buttons at the waist behind and one near the bottom of each fold; cuffs to be closed without buttons, and from two and a half to three inches deep.

**Pantaloon.**—Dark-blue cloth, to have a black silk braid five-eighths of an inch in width down the outside seams.

**Vest.**—Dark-blue cloth, single-breasted, with collar, cut high in front, with seven small service buttons, the upper one to be not more than four inches below the collar-button in the neckband of the shirt.

**Cap.**—Dark-blue cloth, diameter at top same as at base; quarters not less than one and a quarter nor more than one and a half inches wide in front, sloping gradually, and to be not less than one inch nor more than one and a quarter inches wide at back of cap; the seam around the top to be without a welt, and stitched on each side; band to be one and a half inches wide, including a welt one-eighth inch at top and bottom. The bottom welt to be one-eighth inch from base of cap. A lustrous mohair black braid band will be worn between the upper and lower welts. Visor to be made of black patent-leather, molded to shape and bound with the same. All visors shall be green underneath, and sloping downwards, not less than 20 or more than 30 degrees from the horizontal. The cap front is to be not less than two and three-quarters nor more than three and one-quarter inches in height, according to size; four eyelets to be inserted in quarters of cap, two in each side, for ventilation. Chin-strap for cap to be a double loop of plain dead-gold chord one-fourth inch in diameter, fastened by small service button on each side. An oil-silk cover may be worn in foul weather. The cap ornament shall be the corps device embroidered in gold on the front of the cap, one inch in diameter, with its center over the upper welt and resting between two crossed laurel branches embroidered in gold. (See cut No. 1.)

Coat, pantaloons, and vest for dress and service suits shall be of the uniform color known as "navy-blue."



**Buttons.**—Shall be gilt, convex, and of two sizes in exterior diameter; large, seven-eighths of an inch; and small, nine-sixteenths of an inch. The device for buttons shall conform to pattern. (See cuts Nos. 2 and 3.)

**Cravat.**—Of black ribbed silk, not more than thirty-six nor less than thirty-two inches long, and not more than one inch and a quarter nor less than three-quarters of an inch wide, tied in a double bow-knot in front, with a white shirt-collar showing above it.

**Collar.**—The shirt-collar shall always be white, and a standing collar shall be worn.

**Boots and Shoes.**—Shall be of black calf-skin or patent leather. In warm weather, low shoes with black socks may be worn.

**Gloves.**—Shall be of white lisle thread, except for open service in cold weather, when wash-leather (white) or heavy cotton may be worn. White kid gloves may be worn on occasions of special ceremony.

**Sword-belt.**—A waist belt of black morocco leather not less than one and a half inches nor more than two inches wide, bound on the edges with yellow enameled leather one-eighth inch in width, with slings of the same material as the belt, with a hook attached to the belt on which to hang the sword.

The sword-belt plate shall be of yellow gilt in front and circular, two inches in diameter, with a raised bright rim, with laurel wreath incircling the corps device of the Service (anchor and caduceus). The letters "U. S." at the top and "M. H. S." at bottom of plate similar to the Service button. (See cuts Nos. 4 and 5.)

**Dress-belt.**—Dark-blue silk belt ribbon  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide with  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch gold lace along upper and lower edge;  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch of belt to show along edges. Slings to be of dark-blue silk belting  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch in width, with  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch gold lace along upper and lower border. Belt plate same as Service belt. Belt lining to be of cloth or morocco.

**Sword-blade.**—Straight; length twenty-nine to thirty-two inches, two edges, with an arris in the middle between the edges, etched on both sides with corps device on the left side and the arms of the U. S. on the right side, tang riveting.

**Hilt.**—Pommel (gilded) inverted frustrum of a cone with corps device chased on one side and a star on the other.

**Grip.**—White shark skin, corded with gilded wire.

**Guard.**—Principal branch chased. Right guard bearing corps device. Left guard arms of the U. S. Left guard hinged.

**Scabbard.**—Black leather, gilded bands, two, with rings, two on upper and one on lower; upper band three and a half inches, lower

band two and a half inches; a five-pointed raised star on each band; tip (gilded), length five inches, with laurel branch on each side; lining of seasoned spruce. (See cut No. 6.)

The dress suit shall be worn on all occasions of ceremony, weekly inspections, and muster; on boards and on inspection duty.

### **SOCIAL DRESS.**

**Social Dress Coat.**—Shall be a body coat of dark navy-blue cloth, faced with the same, lined with black silk serge, double-breasted, cut to the figure, with rolling collar and three large service buttons on each breast; two at the waist behind, and one near the bottom of each fold. The social dress coat shall always be worn open. Sleeve ornaments same as for dress coats.

**Waist-coat.**—Shall be of dark navy-blue, single-breasted, rolling collar, cut to open low in front, with three or four small service buttons.

**Pantaloon.**—Same as dress suit.

This suit may be worn on social occasions and of special ceremony only.

### **SERVICE SUIT—UNDRESS.**

**Coat.**—For all officers, a coat of dark-blue cloth or serge, shaped to the figure, to fall as low as the upper joint of the thumb when the arm is hanging naturally by the side; a slit over each hip extending five inches from the bottom of the coat; single-breasted, with a “fly” front, fitted with plain, flat, black gutta-percha buttons and a standing collar. The collar, edges of the coat, side seams of the back from the shoulder to the lower edge of the skirt, and the edges of the hip-slits to five inches from the bottom of coat on the right side, and on the left side as high as the position of the lower edge of the sword-belt, shall be trimmed with lustrous black braid one inch and a quarter wide, laid on flat; in addition to which, at a distance of one-eighth of an inch (with an overhand turn three-eighths of an inch in diameter at each change of direction), shall be placed a narrow black silk braid one-eighth of an inch wide. On each side of the collar shall be embroidered, one inch in width, in high relief, the corps device in gold. The grade-mark on the sleeves shall be a double thickness of lustrous braid showing the same width and disposition as that of gold lace worn on the dress coat. In warm weather, a similar coat, made of white material, trimmed with white braid, but without collar devices, may be worn. The service coat shall be worn entirely buttoned. Pockets shall be on the inside of the coat. (See cut No. 7.)

**Pantaloon and Vest.**—Same as in dress suit, or of dark-blue serge.

**Cap.**—Same as dress suit. In warm weather, linen or duck of same pattern may be worn, with gold cord and small service buttons, but without service device.

The service suit shall be worn by officers while on ordinary duty at hospitals, and in the dispensary at the custom-house if required by the medical officer in command of the station.

The sword and belt should be worn with this suit on quarantine duty.

## ORNAMENTS, SHOULDER STRAPS AND KNOTS.

### FOR DRESS SUITS.

**For Surgeon-General.**—Five bands of one-quarter inch gold lace around each sleeve; lower band two inches from lower edge of cuff; first four bands one-quarter inch apart; upper band one-half inch above fourth band. *Shoulder-straps:* Gold embroidered rectangles, four and a half inches long by one and a half inches wide, including the border; outside edges of one-fourth inch bullion edged with twisted gilt wire; the center to be of dark-blue cloth, upon which are to be embroidered the corps device in gold at each end, with a five-pointed star in the center.

**For Surgeon.**—Four bands of one-quarter inch gold lace around each sleeve; lower band two inches from lower edge of cuff, first three bands one-quarter inch apart; upper band one-half inch above third band. *Shoulder-straps:* Gold embroidered rectangles, four and a half inches long by one and a half inches wide, including the border; outside edges of one-fourth inch bullion edged with twisted gilt wire; the center to be of dark-blue cloth, upon which are to be embroidered the corps device in gold with a gold leaf at each end.

**For Passed Assistant Surgeons.**—Same as for Surgeon, omitting one band on sleeves, and substituting two gold bars, half an inch long and a quarter of an inch wide, for gold leaves.

**For Assistant Surgeon.**—Same as for Passed Assistant Surgeon, omitting one band on sleeves, and omitting one bar in each end of shoulder-strap.

Surgeons who have been in the service twenty years, or in command of the bureau five years, shall substitute a silver leaf for gold leaf on shoulder-strap and service blouse.

**Collar Ornaments for Service Suits.**—The grade distinction shall be placed three-quarters of an inch from the front edge of the collar. The corps device shall be placed three-quarters of an inch in rear of the rear edge of the grade distinction.

*Surgeon-General.*—Gold embroidered corps device and five-pointed gold star.

*Surgeon, twenty years' service.*—Gold embroidered corps device and a silver leaf.

*Surgeon.*—Gold embroidered corps device and a gold leaf.

*Passed Assistant Surgeon.*—Gold embroidered corps device and two gold bars.

*Assistant Surgeon.*—Gold embroidered corps device and one gold bar.



**Shoulder-straps** will not be worn on service coats. The shoulder-straps, corps device, etc., shall be made of dead gold.

**Shoulder-knots** (optional).—Body of dark-blue cloth, trimming around body, two rows of three-sixteenths inch dead gold cord with a three-ply plait of gold thread cord of same size between, the same to be continued on handle in figure of eight.

**Ornaments.**—Small service button at top of handle, corps device embroidered in gold on cloth ground of pad, for all ranks except the Surgeon-General.

**Grade Marks.**—*For Surgeon-General.*—On pad will be embroidered a five-pointed gold star, and in the center of lower loop of frog, corps device in silver. (See cut No. 8.)

*For Surgeon.*—A gold leaf on either side of corps device. (See cut No. 9.)

*For Passed Assistant Surgeon.*—Two gold bars on either side of corps device.

*For Assistant Surgeon.*—Same as Passed Assistant Surgeon, omitting one bar.

**Shoulder-knots** to be worn only on occasions of special ceremony.

Medical officers and non-commissioned officers entitled to wear the decoration of the Order of the Cincinnati, Sons of the Revolution, Military Order of the Loyal Legion, or of the Grand Army of the Republic, may wear such decorations with either dress prescribed.

**Overcoat** (optional).—For medical officers the overcoat shall be made of dark-blue beaver (smooth faced), lined with farmer's satin; the coat to extend from the chin to within twelve inches of the ground, double-breasted, closed up to the neck, rolling collar which, when turned up, will protect the ears; the coat to be closed in front by one small button at right side of neck beneath collar in corner of lapel, and five trefoils made of black mohair cord one-fourth inch in diameter with frog according to pattern, to be spaced equally distant from throat to crotch and to be sewn to coat two inches from frog. (See cuts Nos. 10 and 11). An outside pocket on each breast, the opening of which shall be up and down, top of pocket to slant one and a half inches forward, the lower edge of pocket to be level with the elbow; the rear of the coat to be opened by slit extending from the bottom to the crotch and to be closed with fly and small black bone buttons, button holes to be worked on right side and buttons placed on the left, so as to allow sword slings to pass through to clasp sword. Sword slit on left side, placed two inches above and three inches below hip (five inches long), to allow sword to be worn outside of coat.

**Grade Marks on Sleeve.**—To be a cinquefoil, made of black lustrous braid, one-eighth inch in width. (See cuts Nos. 12 and 13.)

*For Surgeon-General.*—Five bands in cinquefoil.

*For Surgeon.*—Four bands in cinquefoil.

*For Passed Assistant Surgeon.*—Three bands in cinquefoil.

*For Assistant Surgeon.*—Two bands in cinquefoil.

### **ACTING ASSISTANT SURGEONS.**

May wear similar uniform to that prescribed for Assistant Surgeons, omitting one band on sleeves and all bars in shoulder-strap of dress suit, and omitting all grade device on service suit.

Acting Assistant Surgeons on duty at quarantine stations shall wear the prescribed uniform of their grade, with addition of sword and belt, as may be required.

### **INTERNES.**

Same as Acting Assistant Surgeons, omitting shoulder-straps, sword, and belt.

### **FOR HOSPITAL STEWARD.**

**Dress Suit—Coat.**—Double-breasted sack coat of dark-blue flannel or blue cloth, shaped to the figure, to fall as low as the upper joint of the thumb when arm hangs naturally at the side, with two rows of large service buttons on the breast, five buttons in each row at equal distance, rolling collar, and one band of one-fourth inch gold lace around each sleeve two inches from lower edge of cuff, with no pockets on outside of coat.

**Ornaments.**—Steward of first class, gold embroidered corps device one inch diameter on each lapel. Steward of second class substitute silver embroidered corps device. Steward of third class substitute corps device embroidered in red silk.

All Hospital Stewards for each five years' service shall wear a band of sky-blue silk braid one-fourth inch wide around each sleeve, and one-half inch above the gold band now prescribed. Each subsequent band to be one-half inch apart.

**Pantaloons.**—Same material as coat, with welt down the outer seam.

**Vest.**—Same material as coat and pantaloons, vest to be without collar and to button with seven small service buttons.

**Cap.**—Same as officers' cap, substituting for service device the letters "M. H. S." in old English, embroidered in silver, five-eighths of an inch in height, resting between two gold embroidered laurel branches.

**Service Suit.**—Same as officers', without braid or device, and to button with five large service buttons instead of fly front with concealed buttons. A caduceus for stewards of the first class shall be embroidered in dead gold bullion, two and a half inches in length,

upon each sleeve, midway between elbow and shoulder, with a five-pointed gold star three-fourths of an inch in diameter one inch above the top of the caduceus.

*Stewards of the Second Class.*—The same as stewards of the first class, except the caduceus and star to be embroidered in silver.

*Stewards of the Third Class.*—The same, except the star and caduceus to be embroidered in red silk.

**Pantaloons and Vest.**—Same as dress suit.

**Cap.**—Same as in dress suit.

**Overcoat.**—For stewards the overcoat may be an ulster of dark-blue cloth (smooth-faced), lined with heavy farmer's satin, the bottom of the skirt nine to twelve inches from the ground, double-breasted, made to button to the neck, with rolling collar of the same material as the coat, and broad enough when turned up to protect the ears; seven plain, flat, black, gutta-percha buttons on each front, one and a quarter inches in diameter, the lower buttons to be placed as low as the knee, the others to be equally spaced up to the throat; an outside pocket in each breast, the openings to be up and down, and the lower part of the opening to be level with the elbow. A belt two and three-quarter inches wide, of the same material as the coat, to be worn through loops placed above each hip, and to be fastened in front with buttons similar to those on the coat.

The overcoat, if worn, should be entirely buttoned; but its use is optional.

### QUARANTINE SERVICE.

Officers' dress, same as general service. Helmets of white linen may be worn when necessary.

### QUARANTINE EMPLOYÉS.

**Dress Coat.**—Engineers and pilots to wear dark-blue cloth or flannel double-breasted sack coats, five large service buttons on each side; vest same material with seven small service buttons.

**Cap.**—Same as officers, substituting, in silver block letters one-half inch high, "M. H. S." for corps device, and without laurel branches.

**Service Coat.**—Same as officers', with single braid, but without corps device. Other employés same as Marine Hospital employés.

**Ornaments.**—The pilot shall wear on each sleeve a chevron of red felt cloth with steering wheel one and one-fourth inches diameter, in red silk in interior angle, arms of chevron one and three-fourths inches long, to be of three bars one thirty-second inch apart. (See cut No. 15.)

The engineer shall wear a propeller wheel of red felt cloth one and one-fourth inches in diameter, one on each sleeve midway between elbow and shoulder. (See cut No. 16.)



**SEAMEN.**

Petty officers, ordinary seamen, firemen, coal-passers, stewards, cooks, and boys shall wear blue cloth jackets and trousers, or blue woolen frocks; caps, blue cloth, without visor; cap-bands to be of black ribbon one-half inch wide, with the letters "U. S. QUARANTINE" on them in yellow or gilt.

In warm weather the uniform may consist of linen or duck frocks, and blue or white trousers, blue cloth caps with or without covers, or white sennit hats, as the commanding officer may direct, with bands as prescribed above; black silk handkerchief, and shoes or boots properly cleaned. The outside of collars of all frocks for petty officers, seamen, and boys will be made of or covered with blue dungaree or blue nankeen. The collar to be uniform in size, seven inches deep, with square corners, with a white embroidered five-pointed star one inch in diameter in each corner; one row of tape to be stitched round the collar below the star, and the collar to be neatly stitched with white thread. The shoulder-pieces of shirts to be doubled; the seams to be overlapped and double stitched, the rows of stitching to be one-half inch apart. The breast of the shirt to be of double thickness, four inches wide on each side, to be neatly stitched with white thread, two rows of stitching one-half inch apart. The opening in front of the shirt shall extend downward from the collar ten inches, neatly stitched, and strengthened at the point where the opening ends. Three tape-ties on each side at equal distances apart; ties to be twelve inches long.

Trousers are to be made with broad flaps, to button one and three-fourths inches from the top.

**Working Suits.**—White duck jumper and overalls.

**ATTENDANTS.**

**Coat.**—Single-breasted sack coat, dark-blue flannel, with rolling collar, to button high in neck, cut square at bottom, with five large service buttons and a red felt cloth Geneva cross one and a quarter inches square upon outer face of each sleeve, equi distant from shoulder and elbow. Vest and trowsers same material; vest without collar, to have seven small service buttons.

**Cap.**—Dark-blue cloth, diameter at top same as at base; quarters not less than one and a quarter nor more than one and a half inches wide in front, sloping gradually, and to be not less than one inch nor more than one and a quarter inches wide at back of cap; the seam around the top to be without a welt, and stitched on each side, band to be one and a half inches wide, including welt one-eighth inch at top and bottom; the bottom welt to be one-eighth inch from base of cap. A lustrous mohair black braid band will be worn between the upper and lower welts. Visor to be straight and made of black patent-leather, not less than one and a half nor more than

one and three-quarters inches in front, and rounded. The cap front is to be not less than two and three-quarters nor more than three and one-quarter inches in height, according to size; four eyelets to be inserted in quarters of cap, two in each side, for ventilation. Chin-strap for cap to be fastened by small service button on each side and to be of black patent-leather, but without device or laurel branches.

**Cap for Engineer**—The same with silver, black letters M. H. S., one-half inch high, in front of cap.

**Ornaments.**—The engineer shall wear on each sleeve a chevron of red felt cloth, the Geneva cross in interior angle, arms of chevron one and three-fourths inches long, to be of three bars one-thirty-second inch apart. (See cut No. 14.)

**Working Suits.**—Nurses while on duty in wards may wear white duck jackets.

Attendants in kitchen, dining-room, and laundry to wear white jackets and aprons.

Male attendants, not otherwise provided for, a blue jumper and overalls.





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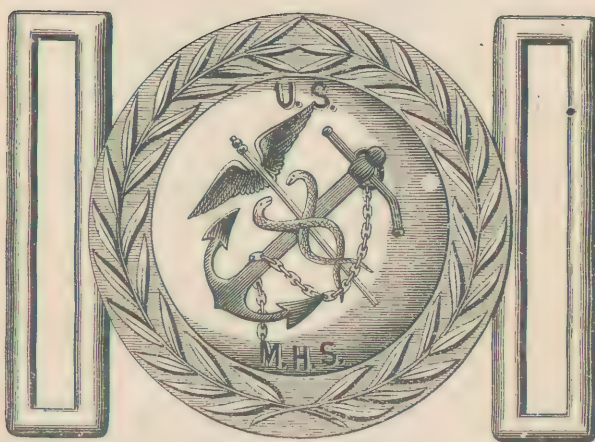


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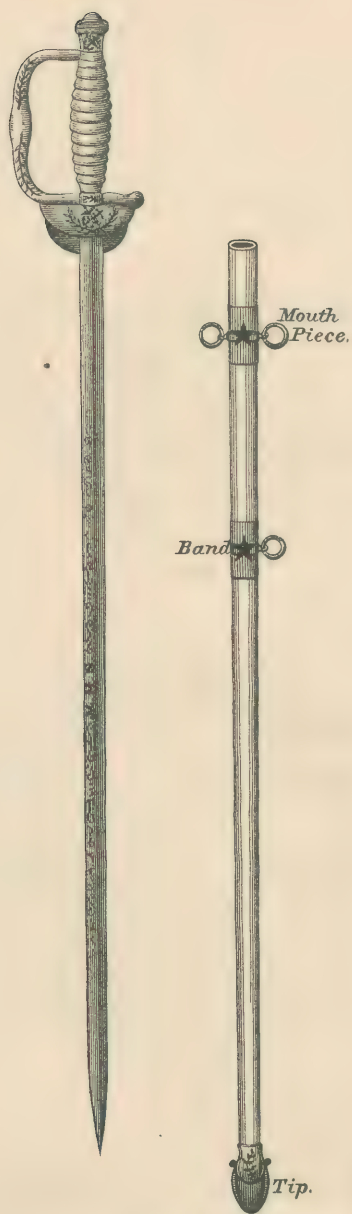
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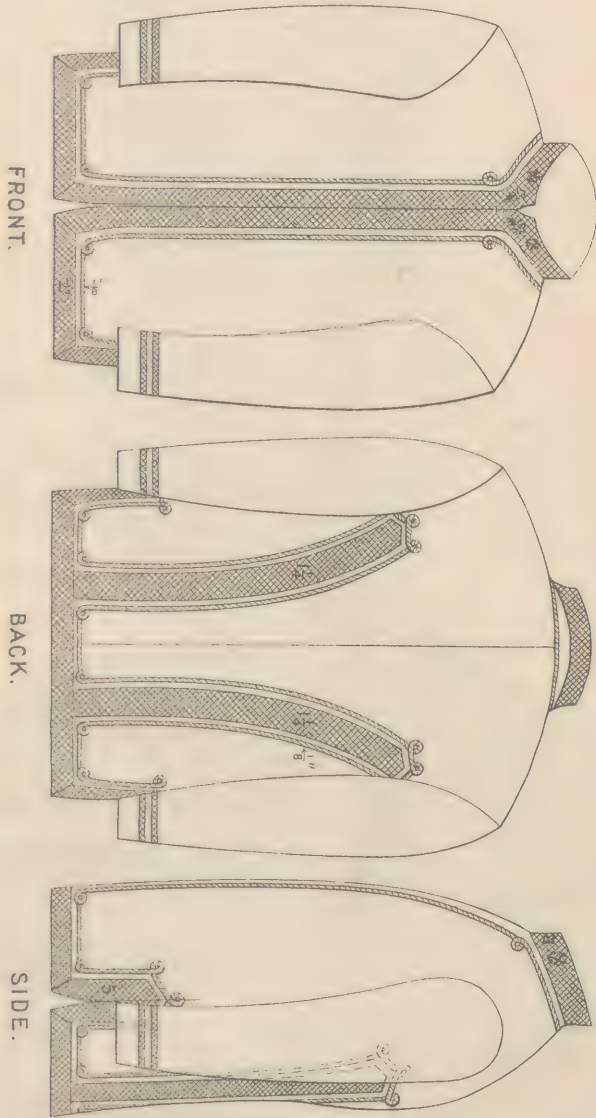
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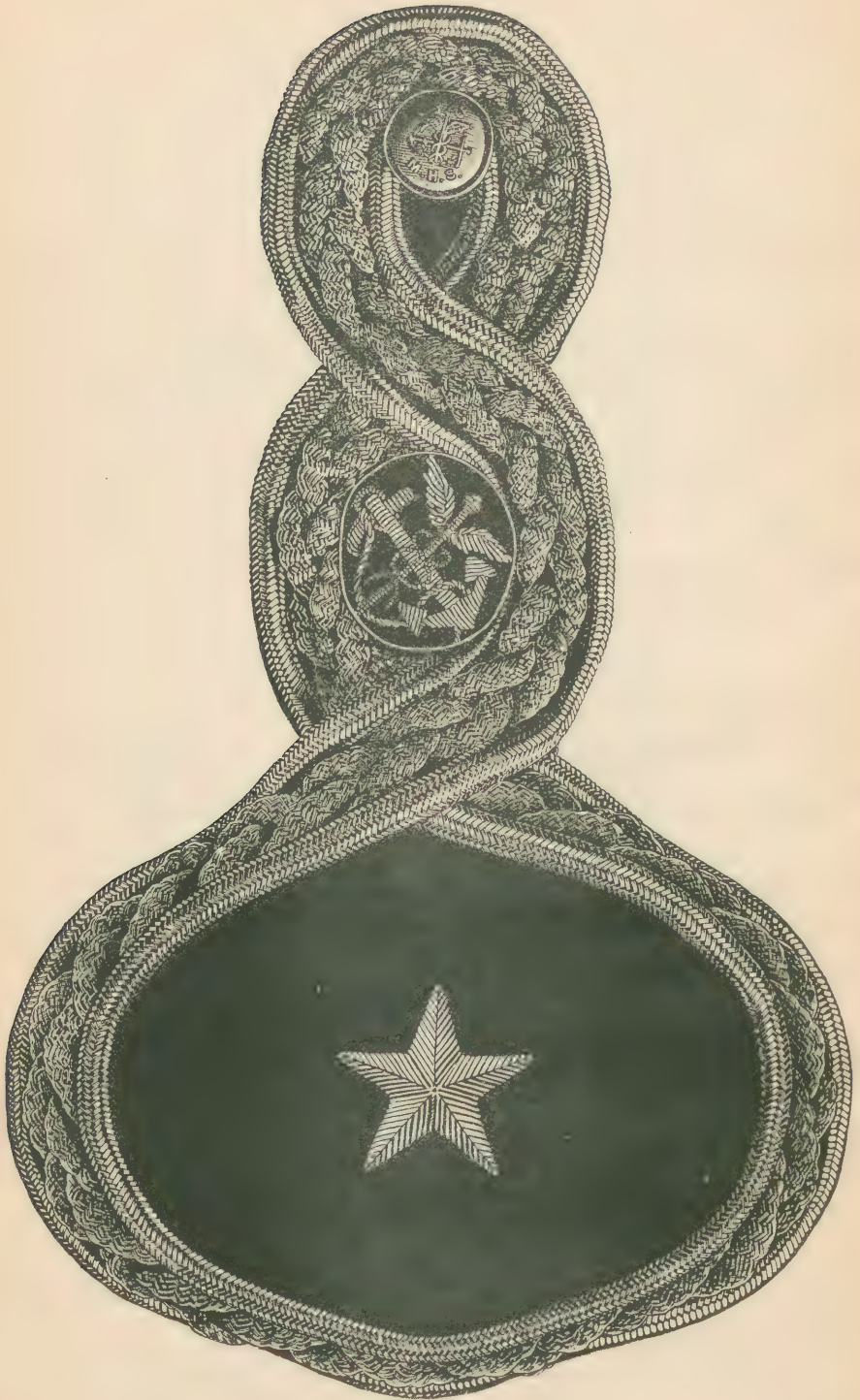


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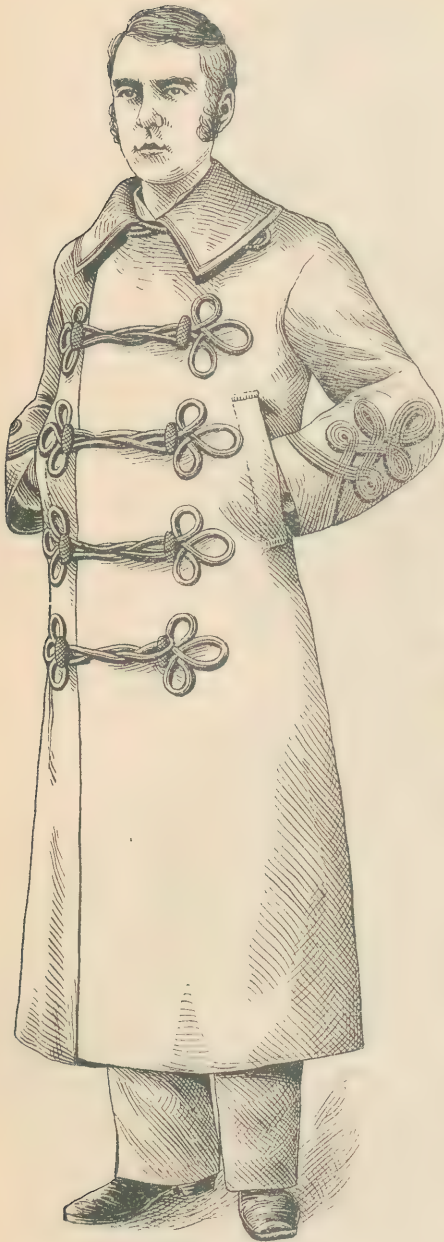


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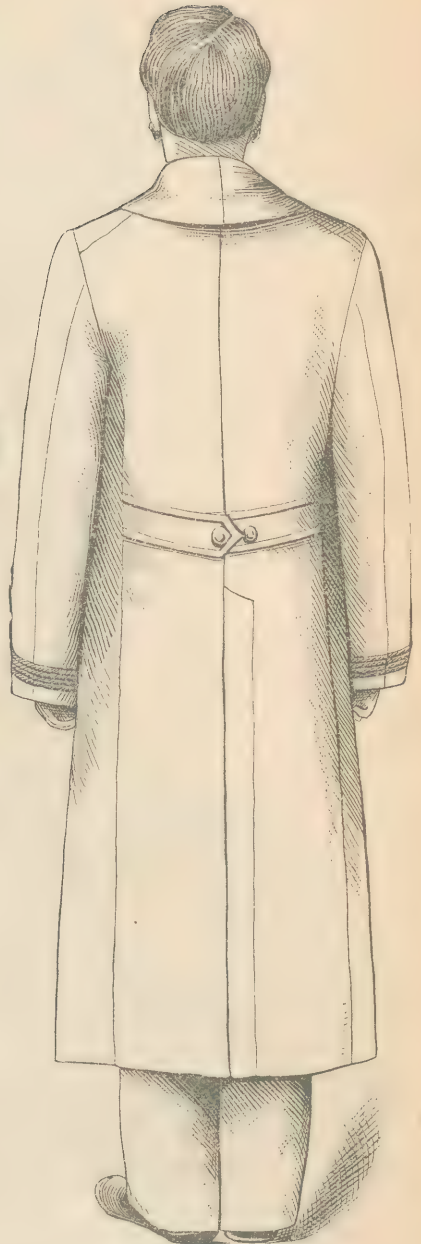






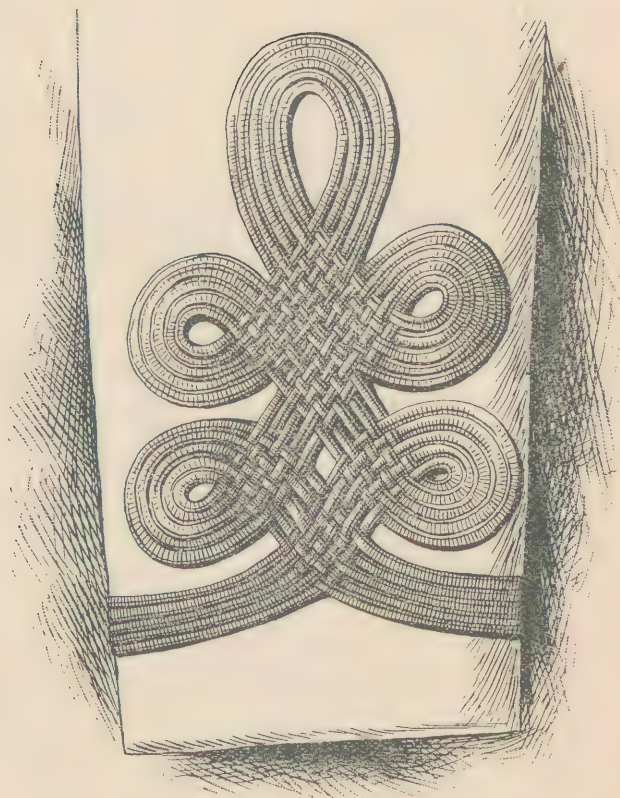


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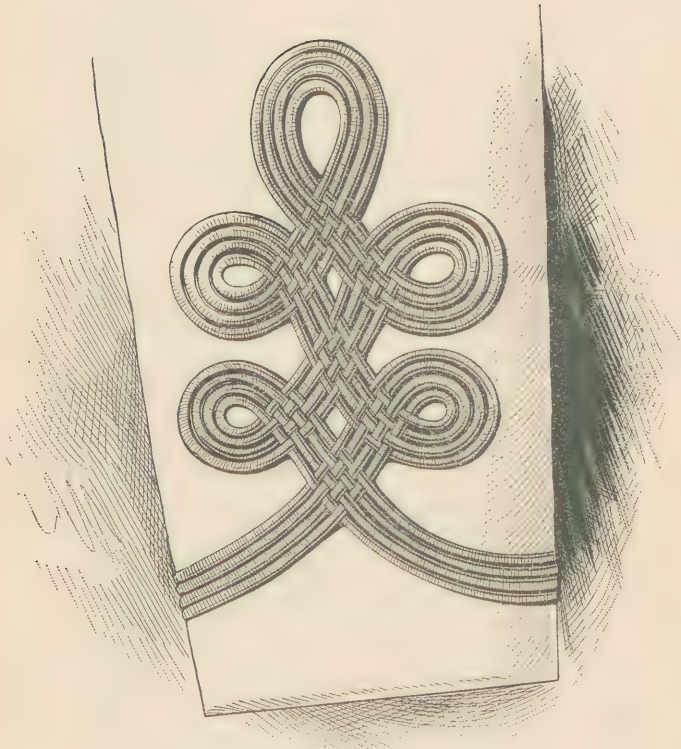


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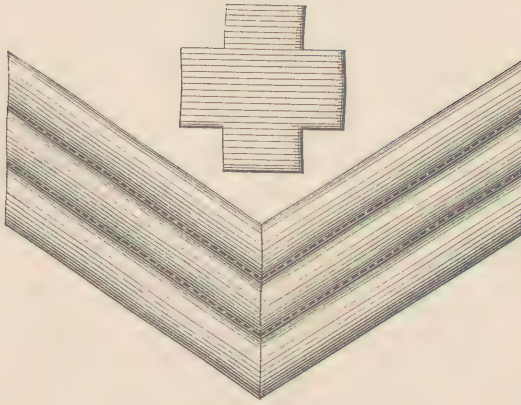




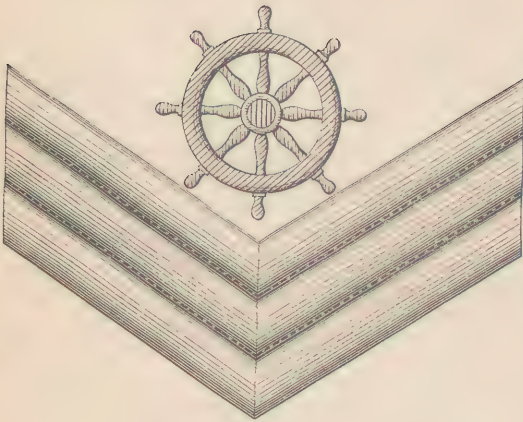
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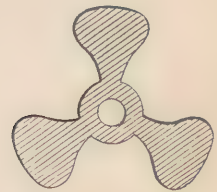
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